
"God is wonderful in His Saints."

PSALM, 67—V. 36.

My dear Students:

Although God be great and wonderful in all His works, there are nevertheless those upon which He appears to have especially concentrated His power. And although God be wonderful and glorified in all His saints, some there are whom He chose to show forth more lucidly in their life the splendor of His omnipotence. Striking, indeed, is the similarity existing between God's actions in the spiritual order, and those in the workings of nature. Thus, in the sublime act of creation, the Almighty seems to have exhausted the rich store of His bounty, and to have slighted all else when he called man into being and decreed: "Let us make man to our own image and likeness." And the sun in like manner, imitating the Author of its peerless beauty, while it illumines the entire world with its mellow rays, still it partially overlooks many a pretty flower which scents the lawn and sheds its warmest and most invigorating rays upon the snow-white lily, or the timid, blushing rose. Equally so is it in the order of grace: God is truly wonderful in all His saints: they are all but the spiritual offspring of His grace, all but the eloquent exponents of His boundless liberality. But, even as star differs from star in brightness, so likewise does saint outshine and eclipse saint in the characteristic glories of his mission. Have not we experienced a greater attraction, a more profound veneration, and a livelier devotion to certain saints than others? Has not their memory gradually but tenaciously entwined itself around the tenderest and fondest affections of our heart? And has not, perchance, our frequent recourse to them begotten a certain familiarity which inspires the hope, that we, too, may reproduce in our life a few of the many virtues that adorned their life, and which were to them the passport to a blissful eternity? Now, then, such preeminently was he whose